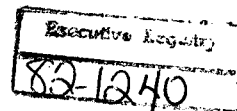



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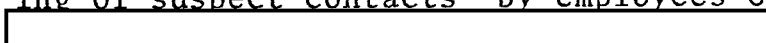
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Chief, Counterintelligence Staff

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SUBJECT: Discussion, 16 April 1982, with PFIAB Members
on Counterintelligence

1. Just before noon 16 April your office requested that I meet with Mrs. Luce's committee of PFIAB at the EOB as soon as possible to discuss unspecified counterintelligence matters. After checking with the DDO I agreed to show up--totally unprepared--at 1400. Mrs. Luce, Edward Bennett Williams and Martin Anderson were present throughout as was PFIAB's "Deputy Executive Director," Fred Demech. Leo Cherne dropped in briefly.

2. The agenda was not specific. Mrs. Luce tried to hold it to the question "What can PFIAB do to help CI?" I responded that, assuming identities legislation is as good as enacted, an amendment to FOIA is high priority to counter the impression held by many cooperating services and prospective sources regarding our inability to protect secrets. I asked for ideas on how to improve attitudes toward security--especially the reporting of suspect contacts--by employees of U.S. private firms,  I also pointed out that the big CI cases involve, unfortunately, "U.S. persons" and that E.O. 12333 represents progress in this respect in many ways, but that it still is framed in the stereotypes of criminal investigation--e.g., "What are the spies doing?" rather than the CI question "Who is the spy?"

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3. Mr. Williams embarked at this point in an extensive--and, in my judgment, sound--analysis of the lack of cases compelling criminal standards for CI investigation--"Trials of spies are not for real--it is just a charade so they can then be exchanged." He blames most of the problem on former Attorney General Levy.

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4. Mr. Anderson tried to get me to quantify the number of Soviet spies in U.S. targets along the line of "2,000 Soviet intelligence personnel must each recruit at least five penetrations a year or they would be fired, so there are 10,000 new spies each year, or 100,000 each decade." I responded that the spy business is not so cost effective, that the number of new Soviet sources in U.S. targets is probably in the very low hundreds at the highest (I would not give a figure), that the large majority of these are not U.S. persons and that our own counterintelligence and security services control or are aware of most of their U.S. person sources. I stated that without doubt most of the cases we did not have leads to are in the private sector, not government.

5. No conclusions were reached. Mrs. Luce did say that she felt less confident regarding our current counterintelligence posture than anyone else present but was not specific. We adjourned about 1530.



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